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1. In October 1954, it was reported that the entrance of barge traffic into Szczecin (Stettin) from the south was to be channeled through the West Oder in the near future. This new route was going to be used because of the construction of a highway bridge over the West and East Oder near Swiecie Kolobrzescskie (Schwedt). The necessary bridge pilings had already been erected in the West Oder; pilings still had to be placed in the East Oder. The construction work on the East Oder section of the bridge made it ~~mandatory~~ that all barge traffic be routed through the West Oder in order that construction could continue uninterrupted. The bridge being built was at the exact location where a bridge had been prior to 1945. 25X1
2. The routing of the traffic through the West Oder meant that the locks at Swiecie Kolobrzescskie would be avoided and this cut twenty-four hours off of the trip to Szczecin. 25X1

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